

North Portal Protests

Executive Brief

Saskatchewan Highway Patrol

Current as of 1600hrs, 17 Feb Thursday, 2022

Changes in **BOLD**

Strategic Summary

56 hours

Protest planned for February 18th, 2022 at North Portal Border Crossing. **Roughly 70 protesters arrived in Estevan on the 16th no update on their planned positioning**

Group of protesters set up campsite near Northgate POE

Estimated 100 vehicles to arrive on Feb 18th, 2022, and 100 vehicles Feb 19th, 2022 (busier day)

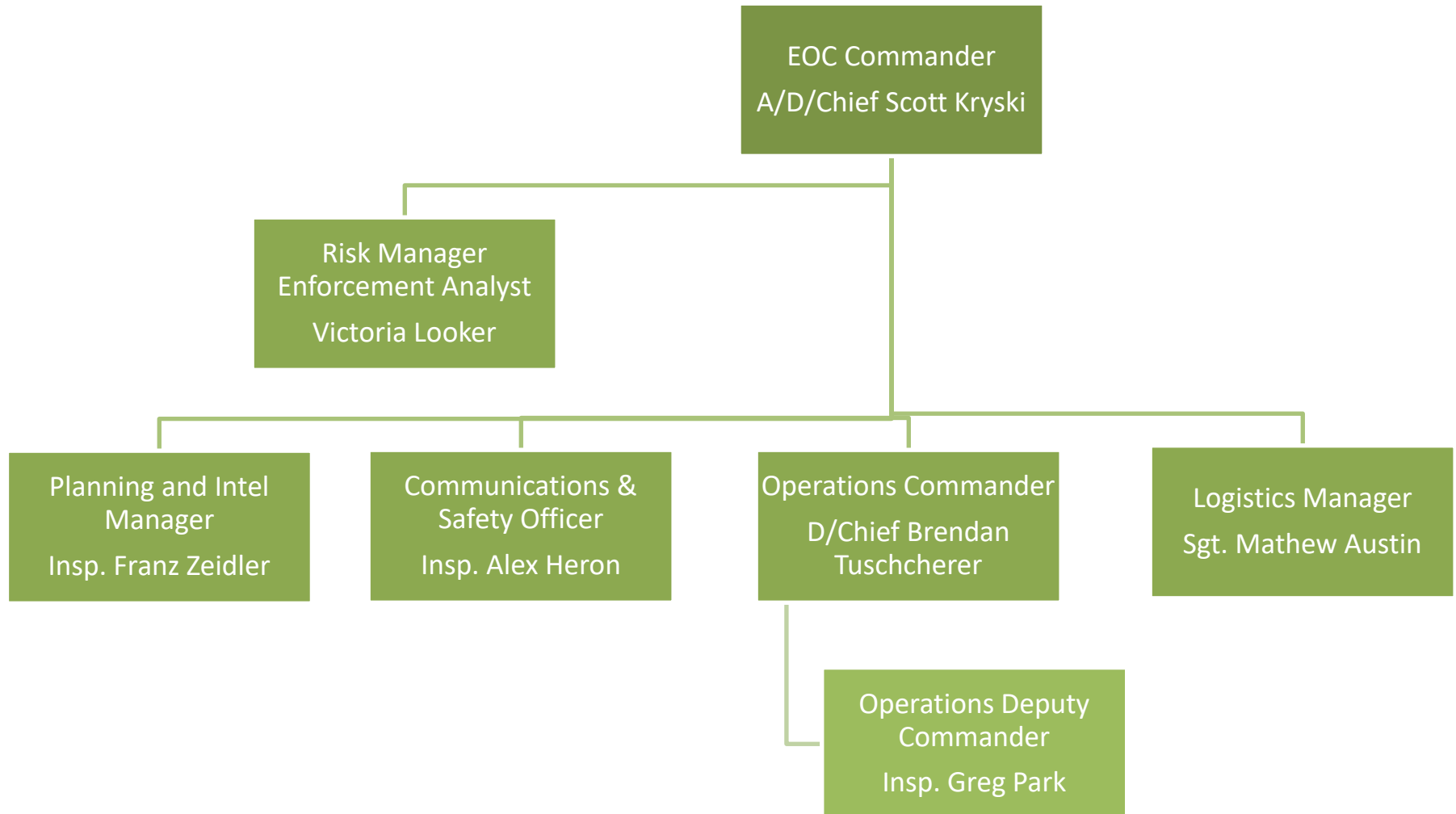
Demonstration related to “Freedom Convoy 2022”

RCMP formally requested assistance from the SHP and its Traffic Officers

Due to similar protests, Coutts, AB border crossing remains closed & Emerson, MB border crossing has recently reopened

- **Traffic Officers finished first shift at 0000. Day Shift Traffic Officers scheduled for 0800-2000.**
- **A convoy of roughly 70 vehicles arrived in Estevan late on Feb 16th, the vehicles will arrive in North Portal today**
- **A group of roughly 15 protesters have set up a camp close to Northgate POE, RCMP have moved the Check Point C to this area. This group is welcome on this property, the other groups are not welcome.**
- Anticipating local protesters and others coming from Emerson, MB, Coutts, AB, and other parts of Canada including Ottawa (not confirmed)
- Anticipating delays in border crossing services and traffic both North and South bound

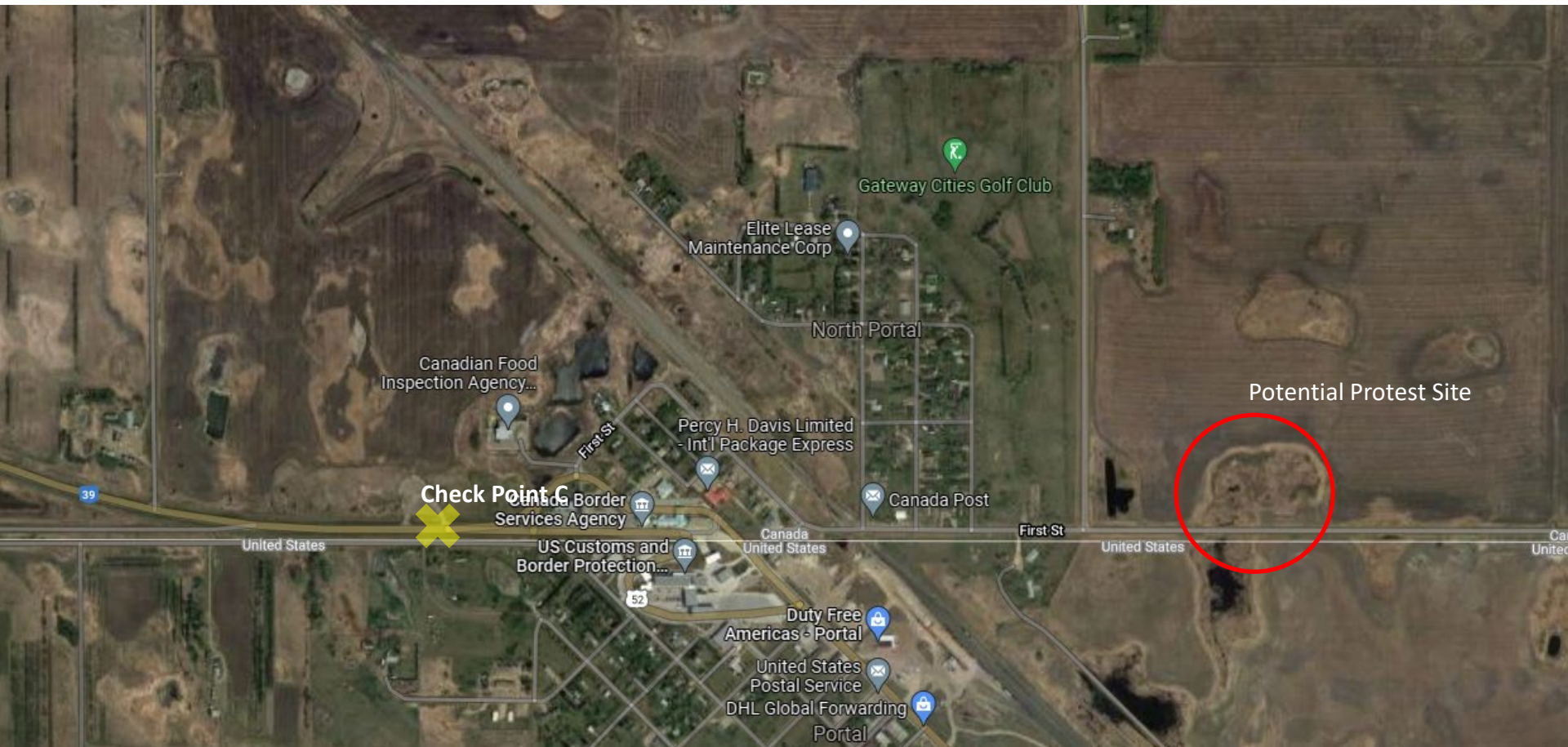
SHP EOC Organizational Structure



Operational Summary

- SHP Emergency Operations Centre is activated to Level 3a (Limited Resource Deployment) as of 0800 Feb 15th, 2022, under SHP22.1.2.B.a.iii.a
- 18 Traffic Officers deployed to assist RCMP operations at North Portal **and Northgate**
 - 1 Inspector
 - 5 Sergeants
 - 12 Traffic Officers

Protest Area – North Portal POE



Check Point A at junction of HWY 39 & HWY 703

Check Point D at junction of HWY 18 & a Grid Road outside of Bien Fait

Protest Area – Northgate POE



Check Point E
North of Ceres
Northgate Inland
Terminal

SHP Traffic Officer Conduct

- Traffic Officers and employees are expected to follow the SHP Code of Ethics and SHP Code of Conduct during the execution of their duties. SHP 1.1.2 and SHP.11.1.1 describes the principles and commitments to the citizens of Saskatchewan.
- Contraventions of the SHP Code of Ethics and SHP Code of Conduct will be taken seriously and dealt with through the SHP Disciplinary System SHP11.1.4.

Weather Forecast



Sunrise: 07:55
 Sunset: 18:13
 Wind: 16 km/h SE
 Wind Gusts: 24 km/h

	Fri 02/18	Sat 02/19	Sun 02/20	Mon 02/21	Tue 02/22	Wed 02/23	Thu 02/24
	A mix of sun and clouds	A mix of sun and clouds	Cloudy with sunny breaks	Cloudy with sunny breaks	Mainly sunny	Sunny	A mix of sun and clouds
							
	-11°	7°	-16°	-19°	-17°	-15°	-11°
Feels like	-23	3	-25	-26	-26	-23	-17
Night	-22°	-18°	-25°	-27°	-26°	-22°	-16°

Source: Weather Network
saskatchewan.ca

Immediate Impacts (24-72 Hours)

Sector	Impact	Notes	Trend
Energy & Utilities	Medium	Delays in transportation of Energy Goods (Co-Op)	↑
Transportation	Medium	HWY 39 likely to have traffic interruptions and delays HWY 9 (Route to Northgate PEO) and HWY 18 (East and Westbound between Bien Fait and HWY 9) may have traffic interruptions and delays due to check stops	↑
Information and Communication Technology	Low		
Food	Medium	Delays in transportation of Food Goods	↑
Government	Medium	Delays in goods and services potentially affecting economy	↑
Finance	Low		
Health	Low		
Water	Low		
Safety	Medium	Potential safety concerns for SHP Traffic Officers and RCMP Officers. Community safety resources reduced due to Officer demand for protest management. Tow Truck companies' willingness deterred from being on standby due to perception from protesters	↑
Manufacturing	Medium	Delays in transportation of Manufactured Goods	↑

Impacts & Mitigation

Impact	Mitigation
Delays in transportation of Energy Goods	Use alternative POE, Regway (6 am – 10 pm daily)
Delays in transportation of Food Goods	Use alternative POE, Regway (6 am – 10 pm daily)
Delays in goods and services potentially affecting economy	Use alternative POE, Regway (6 am – 10 pm daily)
Delays in transportation of Manufactured Goods	Use alternative POE, Regway (6 am – 10 pm daily)
Community Safety	Use PRT services for assistance from CSOs, SHP, other Government of Saskatchewan Peace Officers
HWY 39 likely to have traffic interruptions and delays	Traffic travelling HWY 39 Southbound to the border recommended to use alternative POE. Traffic travelling Northbound from North Portal to Estevan recommended to use Grid Roads as an alternative route. RCMP sharing pamphlets with protesters on acceptable actions for lawful protest- includes informing on allowing traffic flow
HWY 9 likely to experience traffic interruptions and delays	RCMP sharing pamphlets with protesters on acceptable actions for lawful protest- includes informing on allowing traffic flow

Contingency Planning

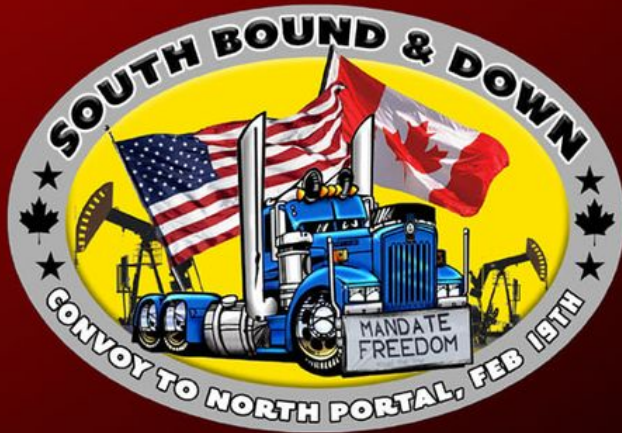
Issue Likelihood of Occurrence Duration	Implications	Applicable Policies and Procedures	Mitigating Factors	Actions (Current and Planned)	Responsible Agencies (Lead Agency listed first)	Status / Notes	Data / Measures ¹ (under review)
Extended Deployment Duration Possible Short to Medium Term	Depleting SHP resources from routine duties and PRT availability Requiring additional accommodations and extending current accommodations Fatigued Traffic Officers-requiring relief	SHP 22.1.2 SHP 22.1.10	Protest Size: - Protest Duration ensuring Traffic Officer are adequately rested to perform duties - Larger crowds require additional resources. Watch for crowd size on Feb 18th and Feb 19th	SHP 22.1.2 currently in effect, SHP EOC is activated to level 3a Currently 19 Traffic Officers are deployed to the North Portal and surrounding areas One day shift of 9 members and one night shift of 7 members. One Insp. Stationed in RCMP ICP. Plan: prepare a relief TEAM for night shift, allow original night shift staff to rest and relieve day shift. Set three team cycle. Event lasting long than 30 days introduce three team cycle. Call hotels in area to assess accommodation availability	RCMP – S/Sgt. Deneen Woodrow, ICP Commander Insp. Darcy Kalinowski SHP-ICP Liaison Officer		Officer Wellbeing on SHP Shift Commander Incident Summary
Escalation of Threat Level of Protest Possible Short to Medium Term	Officer Safety Public Safety Public Confidence Delays in Traffic	SHP 22.1.2 SHP 22.1.10 SHP 4.1.1-8 SHP 17.3.5,8,11 Emergency Measures Act	Information Sharing: - RCMP and SHP handing out pamphlets to protesters at checkpoints to inform of lawful protest activities Blockade: - Encourage protesters to station with permission on private property Supervisors to update Traffic Officers of Threat Levels Traffic Officers to be aware of threat cues	Insp. Franz Zeidler scanning social media for indication of extremist presents Follow RCMP Tactical Plans	RCMP SHP		Monitor Radio Channels Hourly Updates from Insp. Darcy Kalinowski stationed in RCMP ICP Open Source Scanning Use of Force Reports BWC Review Public Complaints

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Broadening of Operating Theatre Possible Short to Medium Term	Depleting SHP resources from routine duties and PRT availability Requiring additional accommodations and extending current accommodations Fatigued Traffic Officers- requiring relief	SHP 22.1.2 SHP 22.1.10	Additional checkpoints	RCMP surveying area to identify other areas of operation	RCMP		Updates from ICP
Responding to PRT demands Possible Short to Medium Term	Reduced SHP Resources to respond to PRT requests RCMP reduced resources may require additional PRT requests		Other participating PRT members to receive/respond to PRT requests	Notify PECC of reduced SHP work force	PECC Participating PRT members		PRT reports
Border Closure Possible Short to Medium Term	Delays in transporting goods and services		RCMP communicate with CBSA on threat levels	Update Highway Hotline Alternative Routing for POE - Regway POE (open daily 6 AM to 10 PM) - Oungre POE (open daily 8 AM to 4 PM) - Torquay POE (open daily 9 AM to 5 PM) - Noonan-Estevan POE (open daily 9 AM to 5 PM) - Elmore POE - Lyleton, MB POE (open daily 9 AM to 5 PM) Redirect Traffic - Westbound to Estevan from Oxbow: N on HWY 9, W HWY 13, S HWY 47 - Westbound to Estevan from Frobisher: N on HWY 604, W on HWY 361, S on HWY 47 - Westbound to Estevan from Hirsch or Bien Fait: HWY 18 to HWY 605, N on HWY 605 W on HWY 361, Ss on HWY 47	CBSA RCMP Ministry of Highways SHP		Threat Level Border closure

Social Media

REGINA CONVOY TO NORTH PORTAL BORDER CROSSING



MEET: SOUTHLAND MALL PARKING LOT
ALBERT ST AND GORDON RD
DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022
TIME: ARRIVE 9:30AM • LEAVE 10:00AM

Increased police presence with planned protest at North Portal border crossing

Written by Andrew McCormack Thursday, Feb 17 2022, 8:34 AM



<https://discoverestevan.com/articles/increased-police-presence-with-planned-protest-at-north-portal-border-crossing>

Social Media

North Portal preparing for large protest this weekend, increased police presence

The village of North Portal is advising residents to expect a large gathering of vehicles and an increased police presence as it prepares for a planned protest by the border crossing this weekend.

Mark Melnychuk

Feb 16, 2022 • 21 hours ago • 2 minute read • [Join the conversation](#)

<https://leaderpost.com/news/local-news/north-portal-preparing-for-large-protest-this-weekend-increased-police-presence>

RattlesnakeBigot
Forwarded from RattlesnakeBigot

Over 10 Highway Patrol cars in town and around the same number of extra RCMP Patrol Cars parked at the RCMP station in Estevan, sk today.

← 2 3:42 PM

Source: Telegram



Village of North Portal

Yesterday at 7:58 AM · 🌐

NOTICE: Planned Protest Event in North Portal

Information was sent to the residents of North Portal yesterday. Check your post office box. The info is also posted at the Post Office.

It is Village Council's policy to remain neutral during this event. In order to do so, the Village of North Portal Facebook page will be used for village communications only. Post comments will be limited during the event. News stories or other media about the event will not be shared on this page. Facebook messages have been suspended during the event. Contact information for the village can be found in the letter sent to you.

ABOUT THE EVENT:

It has come to the attention of Council that a protest event is planned to take place within the municipality starting Friday February 18, 2022. According to information available, the protest will involve 60-80 semi-trucks and up to 120 passenger vehicles. Land owners have granted permission to the event organizers to use private land located by Highway 39 for camping and gathering. The duration of the event is unknown.

Village Council has discussed the expected event with the Estevan RCMP. Council has also met to discuss the Village's policies and best practices during the event. Council's position during this event shall be neutral.

Starting this week, there will be an increased RCMP presence in our community. Police will be onsite 24 hours a day during the event. The RCMP will be monitoring traffic flow into the village from Highway 39 and the grid roads east of town. Travelers can expect to be asked the purpose of their trip to North Portal during the duration of the event. Parking along Highway 39 will be strictly prohibited and enforced by the RCMP.

The village will not be providing any public services to the event, such as water, lagoon use, garbage removal, public building rental or other regular village services. These utilities and services will be the responsibility of the event organizers.

For non-emergency policing matters, please contact the Estevan RCMP Detachment at (306)637-4400. For emergencies, dial 911.

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